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By email

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Dear Diane

I am writing about the response I made in relation to your question about British citizenship during my oral statement to the House about Shamima Begum on 11 March.

I would like to clarify the position on British citizenship. A child born in the UK will be a British citizen if either parent is a British citizen or settled in the UK at the time of the birth. A child born outside the UK will be a British citizen if either parent is a British citizen “otherwise than by descent”, such as by birth in the UK or naturalisation, or where either parent is in Crown or similar service at the time of the birth. In either case, that citizenship will be retained if the parent is deprived of their British citizenship.

I will place a copy of this letter in the House Libraries.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP